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Indiana's preliminary unemployment rate is 4.9% for December compared to National rate of 5.4%

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December is 4.9 percent, five-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 5.4 percent, Alan Degner, Commissioner for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, announced today. The number of Hoosiers employed during December 2003 was 3,031,400.

Indiana's December unemployment rate was lower than Illinois, 6.3 percent; Michigan, 6.7 percent; Ohio, 5.5 percent; and Kentucky at 5.1 percent.

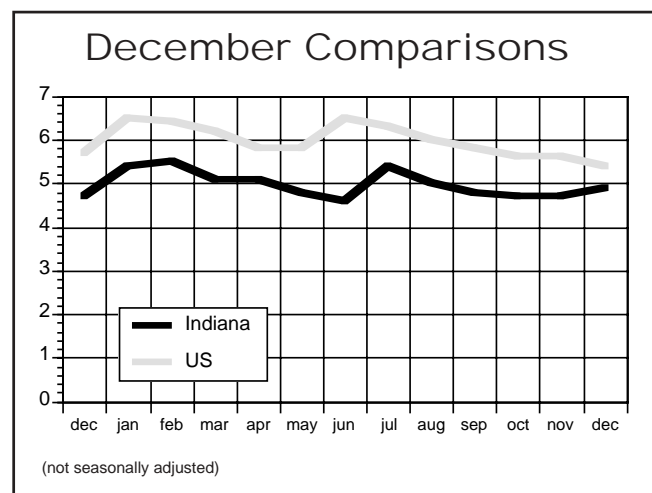
"We continue to see Indiana's unemployment rate remain relatively low, especially when compared to our neighboring states," said Degner. "While no one

industrial sector stood out as having seen a substantial decline in jobs from November, several did make small adjustments. And many of those are likely to be temporary seasonal layoffs that happen every year at this time."

The monthly survey of 7,500 Hoosier employers reports payroll employment at 2,900,900 a decrease of 8,300 from one year ago and 1,700 less than last month. Payroll employment is an estimate of non-agricultural jobs in Indiana businesses. It differs from labor force employment which is used in the calculation of the unemployment rate by not including the self-employed and agricultural workers. In addition, payroll employment includes all those who work in Indiana, while the unemployment rate is calculated by those who live in Indiana.

Manufacturing employment totals 574,800 in December, a decrease of 11,800 from last year. Motor vehicle manufacturing accounts for 13,600 jobs, 500 more than one year ago. Manufacturing of motor vehicle parts totals 78,000. Machinery manufacturing in December accounts for 44,000 Hoosier jobs, 500 more than November.

Construction employment totals 147,200 a decrease of 2,000 from last month. Of that, heavy construction reports 17,200 jobs, 1,200 less than last month.



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Service producing employment totals 2,171,800 in December, 8,400 less than last year. Transportation and public utilities total 119,800, 800 less than November.

Retail trade totals 351,000, 700 less than a year ago. Of that, general merchandise stores report employment of 80,900, or 2,500 less than last year.

Indiana's estimated labor force (the number of people 16 years of age and older who are able and available for work) totals 3,188,100 in December 2003. An estimated 3,031,400 Hoosiers are employed and 156,700 are unemployed.

Indiana's labor force for December 2002 totaled 3,160,000. Hoosiers employed one year ago is estimated at 3,007,200 and December 2002 unemployed in Indiana totaled 152,800. Indiana's estimated unemployment rate one year ago was 4.8 percent, compared with the national unemployment rate of 5.7 percent in December 2002.*

Industry Payroll Employment

Selected Categories	December 2003	Change from Nov 2003	Change from Dec 2002
Goods Producing	731,800	-1,700	+100
•Construction	147,200	-2,000	+11,900
•Manufacturing	574,800	+400	-11,800
Service Producing	2,171,800	0	-8,400
•Retail Trade	351,000	+1,800	-700

*Due to an expansion in the Current Population Survey (CPS), mandated by Congress, estimates for June 2001 (revised) and later at both the state and substate levels may not be fully comparable with those of earlier periods. In analyzing data, be aware that over-the-year comparisons, may differ slightly from comparisons that would have been made using data without the sample expansion. More detailed information can be found at <http://stats.bls.gov/launews1.htm>.

Indiana vs. U.S. Unemployment Rates December 2003

		Not Seasonally Adjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
		December 2003	November 2003	December 2002		December 2003	November 2003	October 2003	December 2002
INDIANA	Labor Force	3,188,100	3,207,200	3,160,000		3,205,000	3,205,000	3,203,200	3,177,500
	Employed	3,031,400	3,054,600	3,007,200		3,045,700	3,043,700	3,038,700	3,021,900
	Unemployed	156,700	152,600	152,800		159,300	161,300	164,500	155,600
	Rate	4.9	4.8	4.8		5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9
US	Rate	5.4	5.6	5.7		5.7	5.9	6.01	6.0

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

CPS BENCHMARK: 2002

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EMPLOYMENT BENCHMARK: 2002

THESE ESTIMATES ARE PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) AND HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) FOR USE IN ALLOCATING FEDERAL FUNDS. BECAUSE OF IRREGULAR FLUCTUATIONS IN MONTH TO MONTH CHANGES, THE READER SHOULD USE CAUTION WHEN VIEWING THESE ESTIMATES AS INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC CHANGE.

AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE	Seasonally Adjusted RATE
U.S.					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	146,501,000	138,556,000	7,945,000	5.4	5.7
November 2003 (Revised)	146,969,000	138,700,000	8,269,000	5.6	5.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	144,807,000	136,599,000	8,209,000	5.7	6.0
INDIANA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	3,188,100	3,031,400	156,700	4.9	5.0
November 2003 (Revised)	3,207,200	3,054,600	152,600	4.8	5.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	3,160,000	3,007,200	152,800	4.8	4.9
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS					
BLOOMINGTON MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	66,180	64,320	1,860	2.8	
November 2003 (Revised)	66,900	65,140	1,760	2.6	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	63,640	61,730	1,910	3.0	
ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	100,840	96,790	4,050	4.0	
November 2003 (Revised)	101,730	97,580	4,150	4.1	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	96,500	92,220	4,280	4.4	
EVANSVILLE MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	163,320	156,800	6,520	4.0	
November 2003 (Revised)	164,790	158,500	6,290	3.8	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	163,420	156,460	6,960	4.3	
HENDERSON CO. KY (EVANSVILLE MSA)					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	23,900	22,670	1,230	5.2	
November 2003 (Revised)	23,890	22,750	1,140	4.8	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	23,930	22,600	1,330	5.5	
FORT WAYNE MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	280,770	266,210	14,560	5.2	
November 2003 (Revised)	282,070	267,770	14,300	5.1	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	271,020	257,610	13,410	4.9	
GARY PMSA*					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	304,420	285,900	18,520	6.1	
November 2003 (Revised)	303,840	286,730	17,110	5.6	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	298,280	281,890	16,390	5.5	
INDIANAPOLIS MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	888,210	847,160	41,050	4.6	
November 2003 (Revised)	893,760	852,460	41,300	4.6	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	881,760	842,260	39,500	4.5	
KOKOMO MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	50,730	47,980	2,750	5.4	
November 2003 (Revised)	51,170	48,490	2,680	5.2	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	50,570	47,750	2,820	5.6	
LAFAYETTE MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	95,840	92,020	3,820	4.0	
November 2003 (Revised)	96,760	92,990	3,770	3.9	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	96,040	92,650	3,390	3.5	
MUNCIE MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	61,520	58,390	3,130	5.1	
November 2003 (Revised)	61,480	58,540	2,940	4.8	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	60,640	57,560	3,080	5.1	
SOUTH BEND MSA					
December 2003 (Preliminary)	137,720	131,730	5,990	4.3	
November 2003 (Revised)	138,370	132,510	5,860	4.2	
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	137,510	131,120	6,390	4.6	

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TERRE HAUTE MSA				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	71,640	67,510	4,130	5.8
November 2003 (Revised)	72,180	68,280	3,900	5.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	70,860	67,170	3,690	5.2
NEW ALBANY AREA (LOUISVILLE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	125,010	120,280	4,730	3.8
November 2003 (Revised)	125,100	120,540	4,560	3.6
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	122,770	117,330	5,440	4.4
<u>COUNTIES</u>				
ADAMS (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	16,760	16,010	750	4.5
November 2003 (Revised)	16,760	16,100	660	3.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,150	15,490	660	4.1
ALLEN (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	187,410	178,050	9,360	5.0
November 2003 (Revised)	188,400	179,100	9,300	4.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	181,120	172,310	8,810	4.9
BARTHOLOMEW				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	38,950	37,660	1,290	3.3
November 2003 (Revised)	39,500	38,150	1,350	3.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	38,650	37,250	1,400	3.6
BENTON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	4,870	4,625	245	5.0
November 2003 (Revised)	5,000	4,760	240	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	4,835	4,585	250	5.2
BLACKFORD				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	6,350	5,840	510	8.0
November 2003 (Revised)	6,340	5,880	460	7.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	6,180	5,750	430	6.9
BOONE (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	26,020	25,030	990	3.8
November 2003 (Revised)	26,160	25,190	970	3.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	25,770	24,890	880	3.4
BROWN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	8,150	7,745	405	5.0
November 2003 (Revised)	8,150	7,845	305	3.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	8,070	7,660	410	5.1
CARROLL				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	12,040	11,380	660	5.5
November 2003 (Revised)	12,240	11,580	660	5.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	12,260	11,770	490	4.0
CASS				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	19,770	18,670	1,100	5.6
November 2003 (Revised)	19,950	18,870	1,080	5.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	20,080	18,960	1,120	5.6
CLARK (NEW ALBANY AREA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	55,180	53,170	2,010	3.6
November 2003 (Revised)	55,210	53,280	1,930	3.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	54,360	51,860	2,500	4.6
CLAY (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	12,650	11,960	690	5.5
November 2003 (Revised)	12,740	12,100	640	5.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	12,570	11,900	670	5.4
CLINTON (LAFAYETTE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	16,610	15,810	800	4.8
November 2003 (Revised)	16,730	15,970	760	4.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,620	15,910	710	4.3
CRAWFORD				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	5,830	5,445	385	6.6
November 2003 (Revised)	5,860	5,525	335	5.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	5,955	5,570	385	6.5

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DAVISS				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	13,900	13,410	490	3.5
November 2003 (Revised)	13,980	13,510	470	3.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,070	13,490	580	4.2
DEARBORN (CINCINNATI MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	24,180	23,050	1,130	4.7
November 2003 (Revised)	24,380	23,200	1,180	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	23,670	22,610	1,060	4.5
DECATUR				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	16,150	15,630	520	3.2
November 2003 (Revised)	17,640	17,130	510	2.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	17,310	16,780	530	3.1
DEKALB (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	22,800	21,400	1,400	6.1
November 2003 (Revised)	22,920	21,520	1,400	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	21,860	20,700	1,160	5.3
DELAWARE (MUNCIE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	61,520	58,390	3,130	5.1
November 2003 (Revised)	61,480	58,540	2,940	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	60,640	57,560	3,080	5.1
DUBOIS				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	22,970	22,240	730	3.2
November 2003 (Revised)	23,100	22,400	700	3.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	23,120	22,360	760	3.3
ELKHART (ELKHART-GOSHEN)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	100,840	96,790	4,050	4.0
November 2003 (Revised)	101,730	97,580	4,150	4.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	96,500	92,220	4,280	4.4
FAYETTE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	10,250	9,330	920	9.0
November 2003 (Revised)	10,280	9,320	960	9.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	10,070	9,250	820	8.2
FLOYD (NEW ALBANY AREA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	39,210	37,910	1,300	3.3
November 2003 (Revised)	39,320	37,990	1,330	3.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	38,540	36,980	1,560	4.0
FOUNTAIN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	8,500	7,995	505	6.0
November 2003 (Revised)	8,530	8,090	440	5.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	8,315	7,895	420	5.0
FRANKLIN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,870	11,300	570	4.8
November 2003 (Revised)	11,980	11,350	630	5.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	12,060	11,410	650	5.4
FULTON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	9,075	8,450	625	6.9
November 2003 (Revised)	9,230	8,670	560	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	9,825	9,045	780	7.9
GIBSON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	20,650	19,970	680	3.3
November 2003 (Revised)	20,710	20,000	710	3.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	19,300	18,550	750	3.9
GRANT				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	35,730	32,950	2,780	7.8
November 2003 (Revised)	35,810	33,340	2,470	6.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	34,970	32,870	2,100	6.0
GREENE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,250	13,190	1,060	7.4
November 2003 (Revised)	14,210	13,250	960	6.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	13,650	12,750	900	6.6

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HAMILTON (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	111,260	108,300	2,960	2.7
November 2003 (Revised)	112,100	108,970	3,130	2.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	110,540	107,670	2,870	2.6
HANCOCK (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	31,010	29,900	1,110	3.6
November 2003 (Revised)	31,220	30,090	1,130	3.6
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	30,960	29,730	1,230	4.0
HARRISON (NEW ALBANY AREA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	19,200	18,380	820	4.3
November 2003 (Revised)	19,170	18,430	740	3.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	18,670	17,930	740	4.0
HENDRICKS (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	60,780	58,340	2,440	4.0
November 2003 (Revised)	61,100	58,700	2,400	3.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	60,040	58,000	2,040	3.4
HENRY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	23,290	22,120	1,170	5.0
November 2003 (Revised)	23,670	22,530	1,140	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	24,020	22,720	1,300	5.4
HOWARD (KOKOMO MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	42,250	39,820	2,430	5.7
November 2003 (Revised)	42,600	40,240	2,360	5.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	42,040	39,640	2,400	5.7
HUNTINGTON (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	21,070	19,940	1,130	5.4
November 2003 (Revised)	21,180	20,050	1,130	5.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	20,660	19,290	1,370	6.6
JACKSON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	22,320	21,420	900	4.0
November 2003 (Revised)	22,830	21,860	970	4.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	22,860	21,860	1,000	4.4
JASPER				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,460	13,580	880	6.1
November 2003 (Revised)	14,420	13,670	750	5.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,630	13,830	800	5.5
JAY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	10,400	9,690	710	6.9
November 2003 (Revised)	10,470	9,770	700	6.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	10,170	9,450	720	7.1
JEFFERSON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,020	13,400	620	4.4
November 2003 (Revised)	14,140	13,520	620	4.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,110	13,460	650	4.6
JENNINGS				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,390	13,610	780	5.4
November 2003 (Revised)	14,530	13,780	750	5.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,360	13,470	890	6.2
JOHNSON (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	65,870	63,540	2,330	3.5
November 2003 (Revised)	66,260	63,940	2,320	3.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	65,600	63,170	2,430	3.7
KNOX				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	19,130	18,520	610	3.2
November 2003 (Revised)	19,340	18,720	620	3.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	18,930	18,270	660	3.5
KOSCIUSKO				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	39,480	37,980	1,500	3.8
November 2003 (Revised)	39,220	37,720	1,500	3.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	40,400	38,580	1,820	4.5

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LAGRANGE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	16,340	15,850	690	4.2
November 2003 (Revised)	16,560	15,890	670	4.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	17,140	16,400	740	4.3
LAKE (GARY PMSA)*				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	227,480	212,930	14,550	6.4
November 2003 (Revised)	226,820	213,560	13,260	5.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	222,980	209,950	13,030	5.8
LA PORTE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	55,510	52,100	3,410	6.1
November 2003 (Revised)	55,710	52,320	3,390	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	56,230	52,490	3,740	6.7
LAWRENCE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	22,200	20,610	1,590	7.2
November 2003 (Revised)	22,350	20,860	1,490	6.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	22,320	20,620	1,700	7.6
MADISON (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	65,530	61,620	3,910	6.0
November 2003 (Revised)	65,820	62,010	3,810	5.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	64,740	61,260	3,480	5.4
MARION (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	468,800	444,260	24,540	5.2
November 2003 (Revised)	471,920	447,040	24,880	5.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	465,520	441,700	23,820	5.1
MARSHALL				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	23,170	22,150	1,020	4.4
November 2003 (Revised)	23,310	22,380	930	4.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	23,950	22,620	1,330	5.5
MARTIN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	5,090	4,860	230	4.5
November 2003 (Revised)	5,155	4,895	260	5.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	5,115	4,885	230	4.5
MIAMI				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	16,260	15,090	1,170	7.2
November 2003 (Revised)	16,380	15,240	1,140	7.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,270	14,820	1,450	8.9
MONROE (BLOOMINGTON MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	66,180	64,320	1,860	2.8
November 2003 (Revised)	66,900	65,140	1,760	2.6
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	63,640	61,730	1,910	3.0
MONTGOMERY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	17,680	16,950	730	4.1
November 2003 (Revised)	17,690	16,960	730	4.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	17,520	16,880	640	3.7
MORGAN (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	35,810	34,090	1,720	4.8
November 2003 (Revised)	35,940	34,310	1,630	4.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	35,430	33,890	1,540	4.3
NEWTON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	6,150	5,755	395	6.5
November 2003 (Revised)	6,265	5,905	360	5.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	6,310	5,935	375	5.9
NOBLE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	24,390	22,790	1,600	6.6
November 2003 (Revised)	24,440	22,930	1,510	6.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	24,810	23,360	1,450	5.8
OHIO (CINCINNATI MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	2,915	2,785	130	4.5
November 2003 (Revised)	2,930	2,805	125	4.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	2,840	2,730	110	3.9

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ORANGE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	8,355	7,535	820	9.8
November 2003 (Revised)	8,245	7,510	735	8.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	8,280	7,530	750	9.1
OWEN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,600	10,990	610	5.2
November 2003 (Revised)	11,670	11,110	560	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	11,770	11,170	600	5.1
PARKE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	7,355	6,905	450	6.1
November 2003 (Revised)	7,580	7,150	430	5.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	7,605	7,210	395	5.2
PERRY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	9,150	8,735	415	4.5
November 2003 (Revised)	9,095	8,740	355	3.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	9,215	8,765	450	4.9
PIKE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	6,280	6,005	275	4.4
November 2003 (Revised)	6,345	6,050	295	4.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	6,400	6,040	360	5.6
PORTER (GARY PMSA)*				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	76,930	72,960	3,970	5.2
November 2003 (Revised)	77,020	73,170	3,850	5.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	75,300	71,940	3,360	4.5
POSEY (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,480	14,040	440	3.0
November 2003 (Revised)	14,660	14,210	450	3.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,580	14,020	560	3.9
PULASKI				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	5,715	5,380	335	5.9
November 2003 (Revised)	5,735	5,405	330	5.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	5,900	5,520	380	6.5
PUTNAM				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	17,710	16,930	780	4.4
November 2003 (Revised)	17,830	17,120	710	4.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,720	16,100	620	3.7
RANDOLPH				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,470	10,630	840	7.3
November 2003 (Revised)	11,600	10,790	810	7.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	11,580	10,760	820	7.1
RIPLEY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,260	13,560	700	4.9
November 2003 (Revised)	14,300	13,630	670	4.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,320	13,690	630	4.4
RUSH				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	9,015	8,635	380	4.2
November 2003 (Revised)	9,130	8,760	370	4.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	9,205	8,790	415	4.5
SAINT JOSEPH (SOUTH BEND MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	137,720	131,730	5,990	4.3
November 2003 (Revised)	138,370	132,510	5,860	4.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	137,510	131,120	6,390	4.6
SCOTT (NEW ALBANY AREA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,420	10,810	610	5.3
November 2003 (Revised)	11,400	10,840	560	4.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	11,200	10,550	650	5.8
SHELBY (INDIANAPOLIS MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	23,130	22,080	1,050	4.5
November 2003 (Revised)	23,250	22,230	1,020	4.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	23,160	21,950	1,210	5.2

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
SPENCER				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	10,910	10,390	520	4.8
November 2003 (Revised)	10,920	10,430	490	4.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	10,660	10,150	510	4.7
STARKE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	9,580	8,775	805	8.4
November 2003 (Revised)	9,655	8,870	785	8.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	9,710	8,965	745	7.7
STEBEN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	15,750	14,730	1,020	6.5
November 2003 (Revised)	15,900	14,880	1,020	6.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,510	15,370	1,140	6.9
SULLIVAN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	9,295	8,685	610	6.5
November 2003 (Revised)	9,295	8,705	590	6.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	9,300	8,790	510	5.5
SWITZERLAND				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	3,785	3,550	235	6.2
November 2003 (Revised)	3,905	3,675	230	5.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	3,700	3,475	225	6.1
TIPPECANOE (LAFAYETTE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	79,240	76,220	3,020	3.8
November 2003 (Revised)	80,040	77,030	3,010	3.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	79,420	76,740	2,680	3.4
TIPTON (KOKOMO MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	8,480	8,155	325	3.8
November 2003 (Revised)	8,565	8,245	320	3.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	8,535	8,115	420	4.9
UNION				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	3,895	3,640	255	6.5
November 2003 (Revised)	3,930	3,690	240	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	3,820	3,650	170	4.5
VANDEBURGH (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	94,810	91,030	3,780	4.0
November 2003 (Revised)	95,780	92,130	3,650	3.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	94,810	90,850	3,960	4.2
VERMILLION (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	7,825	7,270	555	7.1
November 2003 (Revised)	7,845	7,355	490	6.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	7,720	7,240	480	6.2
VIGO (TERRE HAUTE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	51,160	48,280	2,880	5.6
November 2003 (Revised)	51,600	48,840	2,760	5.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	50,570	48,040	2,530	5.0
WABASH				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	17,010	16,080	930	5.4
November 2003 (Revised)	17,140	16,230	910	5.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	17,320	16,480	840	4.9
WARREN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	4,095	3,905	190	4.6
November 2003 (Revised)	4,125	3,955	170	4.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	4,030	3,855	175	4.3
WARRICK (EVANSVILLE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	30,130	29,050	1,080	3.6
November 2003 (Revised)	30,460	29,410	1,050	3.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	30,100	28,990	1,110	3.7
WASHINGTON				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,520	10,780	740	6.4
November 2003 (Revised)	11,550	10,840	710	6.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	11,250	10,510	740	6.6

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
WAYNE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	37,060	34,770	2,290	6.2
November 2003 (Revised)	37,380	35,230	2,150	5.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	36,830	34,830	2,000	5.4
WELLS (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	15,350	14,560	790	5.2
November 2003 (Revised)	15,380	14,640	740	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,690	14,090	600	4.1
WHITE				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,350	10,440	910	8.0
November 2003 (Revised)	11,360	10,500	860	7.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	12,450	11,490	960	7.7
WHITLEY (FORT WAYNE MSA)				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	17,390	16,250	1,140	6.5
November 2003 (Revised)	17,430	16,350	1,080	6.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,540	15,730	810	4.9
<u>CITIES (Population over 25,000)</u>				
ANDERSON CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	29,800	27,560	2,240	7.5
November 2003 (Revised)	29,920	27,730	2,190	7.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	29,390	27,390	2,000	6.8
BLOOMINGTON CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	34,520	33,330	1,190	3.5
November 2003 (Revised)	34,880	33,750	1,130	3.2
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	33,200	31,980	1,220	3.7
CARMEL CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	25,770	25,170	600	2.3
November 2003 (Revised)	25,960	25,320	640	2.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	25,610	25,030	580	2.3
COLUMBUS CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	19,150	18,460	690	3.6
November 2003 (Revised)	19,420	18,690	730	3.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	19,010	18,260	750	4.0
EAST CHICAGO CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	13,450	12,000	1,450	10.8
November 2003 (Revised)	13,360	12,030	1,330	9.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	13,130	11,830	1,300	9.9
ELKHART CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	27,790	26,300	1,490	5.4
November 2003 (Revised)	28,040	26,510	1,530	5.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	26,630	25,050	1,580	5.9
EVANSVILLE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	71,040	67,810	3,230	4.5
November 2003 (Revised)	71,750	68,630	3,120	4.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	71,060	67,680	3,380	4.8
FISHERS TOWN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	18,930	18,730	200	1.1
November 2003 (Revised)	19,060	18,850	210	1.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	18,820	18,620	200	1.0
FORT WAYNE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	105,990	99,420	6,570	6.2
November 2003 (Revised)	106,530	100,000	6,530	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	102,400	96,210	6,190	6.0
GARY CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	47,390	41,360	6,030	12.7
November 2003 (Revised)	46,980	41,480	5,500	11.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	46,180	40,780	5,400	11.7
GOSHEN CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	15,310	14,740	570	3.7
November 2003 (Revised)	15,440	14,860	580	3.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,640	14,040	600	4.1

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
GREENWOOD CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	20,790	20,260	530	2.5
November 2003 (Revised)	20,920	20,390	530	2.5
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	20,700	20,150	550	2.7
HAMMOND CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	40,000	37,330	2,670	6.7
November 2003 (Revised)	39,880	37,450	2,430	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	39,200	36,810	2,390	6.1
HIGHLAND CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	12,790	12,450	340	2.7
November 2003 (Revised)	12,790	12,480	310	2.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	12,580	12,270	310	2.4
HOBART CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	11,300	10,890	410	3.6
November 2003 (Revised)	11,300	10,930	370	3.3
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	11,110	10,750	360	3.3
INDIANAPOLIS CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	430,110	407,040	23,070	5.4
November 2003 (Revised)	432,970	409,580	23,390	5.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	427,080	404,690	22,390	5.2
JEFFERSONVILLE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	13,440	12,890	550	4.1
November 2003 (Revised)	13,450	12,920	530	3.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	13,260	12,580	680	5.1
KOKOMO CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	22,720	21,130	1,590	7.0
November 2003 (Revised)	22,900	21,350	1,550	6.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	22,610	21,030	1,580	7.0
LAFAYETTE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	28,130	27,080	1,050	3.7
November 2003 (Revised)	28,410	27,360	1,050	3.7
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	28,190	27,260	930	3.3
LAWRENCE TOWN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	15,930	15,170	760	4.8
November 2003 (Revised)	16,040	15,270	770	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	15,820	15,080	740	4.7
MARION CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,870	13,260	1,610	10.8
November 2003 (Revised)	14,850	13,420	1,430	9.6
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,440	13,230	1,210	8.4
MERRILLVILLE TOWN				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,390	13,950	440	3.1
November 2003 (Revised)	14,390	13,990	400	2.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,150	13,750	400	2.8
MICHIGAN CITY CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	17,170	15,720	1,450	8.4
November 2003 (Revised)	17,230	15,790	1,440	8.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	17,440	15,850	1,590	9.1
MISHAWAKA CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	25,130	24,080	1,050	4.2
November 2003 (Revised)	25,250	24,230	1,020	4.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	25,090	23,970	1,120	4.4
MUNCIE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	35,320	33,030	2,290	6.5
November 2003 (Revised)	35,270	33,120	2,150	6.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	34,810	32,560	2,250	6.5
NEW ALBANY CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	21,470	20,610	860	4.0
November 2003 (Revised)	21,530	20,650	880	4.1
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	21,130	20,100	1,030	4.9

<u>AREA</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
NOBLESVILLE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	17,490	16,980	510	2.9
November 2003 (Revised)	17,630	17,090	540	3.0
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	17,380	16,890	490	2.8
PORTAGE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	16,630	15,530	1,100	6.6
November 2003 (Revised)	16,640	15,580	1,060	6.4
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	16,240	15,310	930	5.7
RICHMOND CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	19,290	17,890	1,400	7.3
November 2003 (Revised)	19,450	18,130	1,320	6.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	19,150	17,920	1,230	6.4
SOUTH BEND CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	56,830	53,420	3,410	6.0
November 2003 (Revised)	57,070	53,740	3,330	5.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	56,810	53,180	3,630	6.4
TERRE HAUTE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	26,060	24,260	1,800	6.9
November 2003 (Revised)	26,270	24,550	1,720	6.6
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	25,720	24,140	1,580	6.1
VALPARAISO CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,720	14,130	590	4.0
November 2003 (Revised)	14,740	14,160	580	3.9
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,430	13,930	500	3.5
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY				
December 2003 (Preliminary)	14,900	14,170	730	4.9
November 2003 (Revised)	15,040	14,310	730	4.8
December 2002 (Benchmarked)	14,910	14,260	650	4.3

NOTES: 1) UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.
2) COUNTY DATA MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING.
3) PRELIMINARY DATA WILL BE REVISED THE FOLLOWING MONTH.
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R A N K I N G O F C O U N T Y D A T A

FOR DECEMBER 2003 (PRELIMINARY)

PREPARED FEBRUARY 3, 2004

RANK	AREA	RATE	RANK	AREA	RATE
1	ORANGE	9.8	47	BENTON	5.0
2	FAYETTE	9.0	48	BROWN	5.0
3	STARKE	8.4	49	HENRY	5.0
4	BLACKFORD	8.0	50	RIPLEY	4.9
5	WHITE	8.0	51	CLINTON	4.8
6	GRANT	7.8	52	FRANKLIN	4.8
7	GREENE	7.4	53	MORGAN	4.8
8	RANDOLPH	7.3	54	SPENCER	4.8
9	LAWRENCE	7.2	55	DEARBORN	4.7
10	MIAMI	7.2	56	WARREN	4.6
11	VERMILLION	7.1	57	ADAMS	4.5
12	FULTON	6.9	58	MARTIN	4.5
13	JAY	6.9	59	OHIO	4.5
14	CRAWFORD	6.6	60	PERRY	4.5
15	NOBLE	6.6	61	SHELBY	4.5
16	NEWTON	6.5	62	JEFFERSON	4.4
17	STEUBEN	6.5	63	MARSHALL	4.4
18	SULLIVAN	6.5	64	PIKE	4.4
19	UNION	6.5	65	PUTNAM	4.4
20	WHITLEY	6.5	66	HARRISON	4.3
21	LAKE	6.4	67	SAINT JOSEPH	4.3
22	WASHINGTON	6.4	68	LAGRANGE	4.2
23	SWITZERLAND	6.2	69	RUSH	4.2
24	WAYNE	6.2	70	MONTGOMERY	4.1
25	DEKALB	6.1	71	ELKHART	4.0
26	JASPER	6.1	72	HENDRICKS	4.0
27	LAPORTE	6.1	73	JACKSON	4.0
28	PARKE	6.1	74	VANDERBURGH	4.0
29	FOUNTAIN	6.0	75	BOONE	3.8
30	MADISON	6.0	76	KOSCIUSKO	3.8
31	PULASKI	5.9	77	TIPPECANOE	3.8
32	HOWARD	5.7	78	TIPTON	3.8
33	CASS	5.6	79	CLARK	3.6
34	VIGO	5.6	80	HANCOCK	3.6
35	CARROLL	5.5	81	WARRICK	3.6
36	CLAY	5.5	82	DAVISS	3.5
37	HUNTINGTON	5.4	83	JOHNSON	3.5
38	JENNINGS	5.4	84	BARTHOLOMEW	3.3
39	WABASH	5.4	85	FLOYD	3.3
40	SCOTT	5.3	86	GIBSON	3.3
41	MARION	5.2	87	DECATUR	3.2
42	OWEN	5.2	88	DUBOIS	3.2
43	PORTER	5.2	89	KNOX	3.2
44	WELLS	5.2	90	POSEY	3.0
45	DELAWARE	5.1	91	MONROE	2.8
46	ALLEN	5.0	92	HAMILTON	2.7
				INDIANA	4.9

R A N K I N G O F C O U N T Y D A T A

FOR NOVEMBER 2003 (REVISED)

PREPARED FEBRUARY 3, 2004

RANK	AREA	RATE	RANK	AREA	RATE
1	FAYETTE	9.3	47	DEARBORN	4.8
2	ORANGE	8.9	48	DELAWARE	4.8
3	STARKE	8.2	49	HENRY	4.8
4	WHITE	7.5	50	OWEN	4.8
5	BLACKFORD	7.3	51	WELLS	4.8
6	MIAMI	7.0	52	PIKE	4.7
7	RANDOLPH	7.0	53	RIPLEY	4.7
8	GRANT	6.9	54	CLINTON	4.5
9	GREENE	6.8	55	MORGAN	4.5
10	JAY	6.7	56	SPENCER	4.5
11	LAWRENCE	6.7	57	JEFFERSON	4.4
12	STEUBEN	6.4	58	SHELBY	4.4
13	SULLIVAN	6.3	59	OHIO	4.3
14	NOBLE	6.2	60	JACKSON	4.2
15	VERMILLION	6.2	61	SAINT JOSEPH	4.2
16	WASHINGTON	6.2	62	WARREN	4.2
17	WHITLEY	6.2	63	ELKHART	4.1
18	DEKALB	6.1	64	LAGRANGE	4.1
19	FULTON	6.1	65	MONTGOMERY	4.1
20	LAPORTE	6.1	66	MARSHALL	4.0
21	UNION	6.1	67	PUTNAM	4.0
22	LAKE	5.8	68	RUSH	4.0
23	MADISON	5.8	69	ADAMS	3.9
24	NEWTON	5.8	70	HARRISON	3.9
25	PULASKI	5.8	71	HENDRICKS	3.9
26	SWITZERLAND	5.8	72	PERRY	3.9
27	CRAWFORD	5.7	73	KOSCIUSKO	3.8
28	PARKE	5.7	74	TIPPECANOE	3.8
29	WAYNE	5.7	75	VANDEBURGH	3.8
30	HOWARD	5.5	76	BOONE	3.7
31	CARROLL	5.4	77	BROWN	3.7
32	CASS	5.4	78	TIPTON	3.7
33	VIGO	5.4	79	HANCOCK	3.6
34	HUNTINGTON	5.3	80	CLARK	3.5
35	MARION	5.3	81	JOHNSON	3.5
36	WABASH	5.3	82	WARRICK	3.5
37	FRANKLIN	5.2	83	BARTHOLOMEW	3.4
38	JASPER	5.2	84	DAVISS	3.4
39	JENNINGS	5.2	85	FLOYD	3.4
40	CLAY	5.1	86	GIBSON	3.4
41	FOUNTAIN	5.1	87	KNOX	3.2
42	MARTIN	5.1	88	POSEY	3.1
43	PORTER	5.0	89	DUBOIS	3.0
44	ALLEN	4.9	90	DECATUR	2.9
45	SCOTT	4.9	91	HAMILTON	2.8
46	BENTON	4.8	92	MONROE	2.6
				INDIANA	4.8